

that the American Medical Association would sponsor a meeting in St. Louis on October 2 and 3 for the discussion of federal legislation proposals and that he, Mr. Salisbury and Dr. J. Lafe Ludwig would attend.

Dr. Kilroy also reported that his committee was arranging the appearance of representatives at a Congressional hearing to be held in San Francisco October 28 and 29.

Messrs. Read and Salisbury reported on interim committee hearings scheduled by a number of committees of the California State Legislature and reported that adequate representation would be provided.

16. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that Congress has passed and sent to the President (who is considered sure to approve) S. 2162, a bill to provide contributions to federal employees toward the purchase of health care insurance coverage. The plan would go into effect July 1, 1960, to cover about 2,000,000 federal employees and their families. The government would provide a portion of the premium cost to each employee.

17. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Robert Dyar of the State Department of Public Health reported that the department has established a division of research, to serve as a staff arm of the director's in such matters as air and water pollution, radiation hazards, alcoholism rehabilitation, etc.

Dr. Dyar also reported on the success of a program of the department's under which medical students are recruited for summer periods for studies designed to orient the students in public health responsibilities.

18. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Heron reported that the commercial program of California Physicians' Service was operating on a basis to cover all costs and that the total business of C.P.S. during the past year amounted to more than \$60,000,000 gross, including about \$22,000,000 in funds for governmental programs.

19. *New and Miscellaneous Business:*

(a) Mr. Hunton presented the application of two members who had previously requested the use of portions of the Association's mailing list and such use had been denied. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reaffirm this denial.

(b) Communications from a member asking Council support of a proposal to establish a new

scientific section were presented. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to advise the writer of the procedure for establishing a new scientific section under an amendment to the By-Laws.

(c) Councilor Gifford urged that all possible assistance be given to the California Medical Assistants' Association, a statewide organization of employees of physicians.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OFFERED

(Second Printing)

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the California Medical Association was offered at the 1959 session and, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution, was referred to the Reference Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. The proposed amendment must lie on the table for one year and be published twice during that period in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE.

The reference committee suggested that this proposal be studied by the Constitution Study Committee during the year. The proposal will be referred in 1960 to a reference Committee for additional study and recommendations to the 1960 House of Delegates.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1.

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Resolved: That Article VIII of the Constitution of the C.M.A. be amended by renumbering the present sections in said Article to 2, 3 and 4 and inserting a new Section 1 as follows:

Section 1.—Eligibility for Appointment

Eligibility for appointment or election to any position, to any committee, or to in any way represent the C.M.A., or to formulate policy for C.M.A., shall depend on the member's not holding a salaried position with or acting in an advisory capacity for, or being retained by a commercial insurance company or health plan which handles health or accident problems during the term of election or appointment. Nor shall such delegates or committee members hold a remunerative political position either appointive or elective. Association with California Physicians' Service is specifically excluded.